

Acellus Learning System Parent Plan

General

Students who have opted for off-site instruction to start the 2002-2021 school year will be using the Acellus Learning System program. This is an accredited, district approved, online program that will deliver instruction to students at their academic level. The program is self-paced and progress in the program will be monitored by SPS staff members on a daily basis. Evaluation of student participation in this opt-out setting of each student will be determined by attendance, progress, and proficiency of the curriculum they are exposed to within the program.

Device Checkout

Parents and students will need to go to the school website and view a short video clip outlining general information about the program and some important details for both students and parents. Once parents have watched the video, they will need to set up a meeting time with their student's school device coordinator to check out a district-issued device. Contact information for this person will be located on the district website. As an example, if a student is in 2nd grade, the student's device will be checked out from the West Side Elementary School. Again, contact information for individuals checking out devices will be on the school website.

Once you check out the device, you will also be provided details on accessing your Acellus account. This program has a Parent Portal component that will need to be set up by each child's parent or guardian. An email address will be required to register a parent for the portal. Access to the Parent Portal will be necessary for the success of your child in this program.

Once the device has been checked out, your child will be enrolled in all courses for the 1st semester. Within a day of picking up their device, the student will have access to their Acellus account and can begin work in each course as soon as they choose to. If you would prefer using your own device, you will need to contact Shane Jensen to determine if the device is compatible with the Acellus program. His email is available on the district website along with all other Acellus information provided.

Attendance

Student attendance in this program will not be done in a traditional manner. Attendance will be a requirement. For a student to be considered "attending" for the school day, the student will need to log into their account each day, other factors for attendance will be daily and quarterly progress toward completing each section. Students will need to have a minimum of 15% progress per quarter, in each course enrolled. This computes to just under 1% of progress completion each day in each course.

Grades

Grades will be taken directly from the program at the end of each quarter. They will be given a percentage grade for each course. Progress will also be factored into grading. If a student does not have a minimum of 15% progress for the quarter, they will receive an F for that quarter grade in that course. Students will need to be logging in each day and showing progress in order to get a passing grade for the quarter/semester. There will be days that the student may be sick, or out of town. If that is the case, the parent needs to make contact with the Acellus Coordinator.

Communication

The school will contact your student at least once a week to check in. They will ask about how the program is working and how we can better assist you with this program. If your child has not made any progress in consecutive days, we will attempt to contact you or your child to see if further assistance is necessary.

Device Contacts

The following people will be the main contact at each school for setting up a time to check out a device:

West Side- Carla Verhasselt cverhasselt@sidney.k12.mt.us

Central- Kathy Nicholson knicholson@sidney.k12.mt.us

Middle School- Ken Stennes kstennes@sidney.k12.mt.us

Sidney High School- Dan Hart dhart@sidney.k12.mt.us

Please be sure to call ahead to set up a time to pick up a device. There will be paperwork that you will need to complete and you will need to provide an email address in order for the school to set you up for access to the Parent Portal. This will allow you to track your child's progress throughout the duration of the offsite platform.